

had at work interviewing & preparing for the coming session
our dangerous Slave Kings as well as to what we may commit the
Country to as regards the Southern
States. It is a
much more national and
profound subject than we
have made a man
of the kind I offer
your particular country is thoroughly
devoid of the desire
to be any part of the
kind that I offer to be
so often exposed to
such a life in our
country & with kind
and considerate & self
sacrificing friends
and your father
and I remain your very
affectionate son
P. T. Hartman

I have been too much occupied to
acknowledge without. I have also to
thank your father for sending me the
copy of the Womens Journal with his
letter to our Union, & the New York
Times containing his admirable allusion
on the situation in America. You men-
tion another N. of the Womens Journal
containing an account of the Geneva
Congress by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe: this
has not been delivered, & if you could
without inconvenience send me another
copy I should be greatly obliged. It was
my good fortune to make Mrs. Howe's
acquaintance at Geneva, & of all the
agreeable & distinguished people to whom
I was introduced there I think I was
more interested in her than in any other.
There is something remarkably winning in

her manner; her musical voice has the power of enhancing the value of the clear opinions she speaks so eloquently. I sat by her at several of the meetings, & the little talk we had together made me long to know more of her. She seems to have the making of a true heroine. We want more such in Europe, & you can spare some, for I think you have a larger proportion of such women than we have. — But I am not indeed going to disparage our own ladies, as you know I have every reason to appreciate them most highly, & I do. Especially do I think that in Berlin we are exceptionally favoured as to the public work they are willing to undertake. You may be interested to hear of some in which my sister & I are specially interested. A short time ago the Health Committee of the Town Council took up the question of infantile mortality & a sub-comm^{ee} of us presented a Report on the subject. We found that fully half the fearful total was due to preventible causes, a ^{large} proportion of which could be removed by the mothers being better educated

as to diet & management of their children. It was obviously not in our power to remove this ignorance ourselves. It could be only, or at least best, done by ladies. There was an "Association for Useful Work" here, among ladies, one of whose functions was the delivery of lectures on Health subjects by its members to working women. We recommended that this action should be extended as widely as possible. A meeting of the Health committee & the ladies took place at my house, when measures were concerted to give publicity to their work by a public meeting. It happened that Henry J. Wilson was coming to stay with me that night, & he was present at the discussion. He said he almost despaired of ever getting such a set of ladies together in Sheffield; & still more, of getting a municipal authority to recognise & co-operate with them. — I am happy to say the agitation of the question has brought us much help. My sister is hon. sec. of the lecture committee, & has just completed arrangements for the simultaneous delivery of seven courses of lectures on the laws of health by ladies in different parts of the town. Mrs. R.W. Dab-

is one of the most popular. We are starting a training class for those who are willing to help in various ways. Some cannot trust themselves to lecture to a large audience, but will address congregational "mothers meetings" & assemblies of that sort. I believe it is great & useful work, & is destined to remove a good many of the thousand naturalills that flesh is heir to.

I was extremely interested in the paper your father was so good as to send me about the Whittier Memorial. It was a pretty idea each author bringing his flower to weave a chaplet for the venerable head. Mr. Albright has just sent me the paper with your father's private letter to Mr. Whittier, which is beautiful.

— We shall watch the progress of your nation through its present trials with great interest. I cannot feel dismay at their magnitude; after what you have already surmounted one cannot but feel confidence in your successful issue out of any temporary difficulties. You are free, & in your liberty have a sure presage of the ultimate triumph of right. I wonder if you see the "Dorothy City Review"; if you can, I commend "Home & Foreign Affairs" in the January No. to your perusal.

I have put down your name to have our C.D.A. "Occasional Paper", sent to regularly. We are